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SUBJ: CCOMS: HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL MEETING, OTTAWA,
JUNE 2-5, 1975- ITALIAN INTEREST

REF: A. STATE 111153; B. STATE 98054; C. BONN 6841

1. ON BEHALF LIKELY GOI PARTICIPANTS, ITALIAN NATO DEL HAS CONTACTED MISSION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING JUNE 6-11 TOUR OF US RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES (REF A; NOT SENT ROME), WHICH WILL FOLLOW SUBJECT MEETING IN OTTAWA. WE HAVE PROVIDED ITALIAN DEL HERE WITH ESSENTIAL DETAILS REF A. WE RECOMMEND DEPT REPEAT REF A TO ROME FOR INFO AS ITALIANS PLAN TO CONTACT EMBASSY WITH NAMES OF THEIR EXPERTS AND TRAVEL DETAILS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MR. CASTELLI IN CABINET OF GOI MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR IS FAMILIAR WITH ITALIAN PLANS. A MR. PANETTA WHO WORKS FOR CASTELLI, PLUS POSSIBLY ONE OTHER EXPERT, EXPECTED TO ATTEND OTTAWA MEETING AND PARTICIPATE IN SUBSEQUENT US TOUR PROGRAM.

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2. WE ADVISED ITALIAN DEL, PER REF A, OF US STOPS TO BE INCLUDED ON OPEN PORTION OF ROUND TRIP AIR TICKETS AND NOTED (ACCORDING REF A) THAT SPECIFIC FLIGHT AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THIS PORTION OF NORTH AMERICAN TRIP WERE BEING HANDLED FOR INDIVIDUAL ATTENDEES BY

US PROGRAM ORGANIZERS. WE URGE THEREFORE THAT GOI ATTENDEES BE IDENTIFIED TO WASHINGTON SSONTEST. SUGGEST US ORGANIZERS MAKE TENTATIVE US DOMESTIC FLIGHT AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS TO INCLUDE ONE OR TWO ITALIAN ATTENDEES PENDING CONFIRMATION OF THEIR NAMES BY EMBASSY ROME.

3. MISSION HAS CIRCULATED TO ALLIED DELS AT NATO THE AGENDA (REF B) FOR ONE-DAY MEETING OF PROJECT ON TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTES, UNDER U.S. LEADERSHIP, WHICH OPENS JUNE 2-5 OWWAWA PROGRAM. LIKEWISE CANADIAN NATO DEL HAS CIRCULATED HERE ON BEHALF CANADIAN HOSTS, THE JUNE 3-5 OTTAWA MEETING AGENDA PREPARED BY FRG (REF C) PLUS ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR OTTAWA VISIT, THUS ITALIANS PRESUMABLY HAVE NECESSARY INFO ON THESE EVENTS (WE SEE THAT EMBASSY ROME WAS NOT ADDRESSEE FOR REF C; SUGGEST BONN REPEAT MESSAGE FOR ROME).

4. MISSION COMMENT: WE RECALL THAT GOI EXPRESSED EARLY INTEREST IN THIS PILOT STUDY, BUT ITALIAN EXPERTS WHO WERE EXPECTED AT INITIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN BONN NEVER APPEARED AND WE KNOW OF NO SUBSEQUENT GLIMMERS FROM GOI UNTIL NOW. ITALIAN PARTICIPATION AT THIS STAGE WILL MEAN ACTIVE INTEREST OR INVOLVEMENT ON PART OF IMPRESSIVE LINEUP OF TEN KEY ALLIED COUNTRIES (BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, FRG, FRANCE, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, UK AND US), WHICH SHOULD HAVE HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPACT ON SUBSTANCE AND POTENTIAL INFLUENCE ON THIS PILOT STUDY'S EVENTUAL RESULTS.BRUCE

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